

# Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council

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**Minutes** ☿ April 14, 2008

4:00pm - 6:30pm

**2100 Building – 2100 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, 98144**

**Council Members Present:** *Richard Aleshire, Amy Bauer, Shireesha Dhanireddy, Kate Elling, Jim Elliott, Brandie Flood, Bill Hall, Sarah Kent, Kieu-Anh King, Higinio Martinez, Marcos Martinez, Andrew Murphy, Kris Nyrop, Arthur Padilla, Ron Padgett, Kevin Patz, Tony Radovich, Michael Raitt, David Richart, German Rodriguez, Pam Ryan, Erick Seelbach, Bob Wood*

**Council Members Absent:** *Lina Ali, Charlie Curvin, Melinda Giovengo, Gerrie LaQuey, David Lee, Eric Miles, Jodie Pezzi*

**Planning Council Staff Present:** Jesse Chipps, Natalia Ospina (minutes)

**Health Department Staff Present:** Barb Gamble, Jeff Natter

**Guests:** Philip Doles, Justin Hahn, Nathan Hayes, Warren Leyh, Julie Loughran, Aaliyah Messiah, Ruth Njoroge, Lisa Schafer, Angela Williams, Ken (last name unknown)

*Italics denote Planning Council Membership.*

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## **I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**

- Introductions were made.
- Justin Hahn announced that SPG is recruiting new at large members, especially Black and Hispanic MSM and heterosexuals, women under the age of 30 who have risky sexual partners and youth under the age of 24. Applicants do not have to be Council members. Justin requested that anyone interested contact him for an application.
- Kris announced that he will be leaving 15 minutes early today.

## **II. Meeting Agenda**

☒ *The revised agenda was approved as written by acclamation.*

## **III. March Meeting Minutes**

### **CHANGES:**

- Move Michael Raitt's name on page 1 from the Council Members Present list and add him to the absent list.
- On page 3, second half of the page, change "alternative" to "alternate."
- On page 3, last third of the page, remove "was" from, "Jesse clarified that although SPG...SPG meeting at which **was** all reps were present..."
- On page 4, the second motion was initiated by Kris (not Erick) and seconded by Gerrie (not Kris).

☒ *The March minutes were approved as amended by acclamation.*

## IV. Grantee Updates

### PREVENTION:

- The plan for spending the \$300k from the State and City has been approved. A mass media campaign to decrease the interval between tests for sexually active MSM will be developed by Radar Works, and should be launched around late May. Some of the money will be spent to expand testing at Gay City, and to expand nucleic acid amplification testing at private doctors' offices (the goal is to provide these tests at 3 – 4 practices). Joanne Stekler from Harborview Medical Center will be assisting in this project. Center for Multicultural Health will expand community-based HIV counseling and testing to African American men. They will offer testing through work release and substance use programs and implement a peer-driven referral program, especially for Black MSM. The funds will also be used to implement an ACASI risk assessment at Madison Clinic for HIV-positive individuals to reduce risk behaviors. Karina Udall, who has developed an ACASI risk assessment in the past, will be assisting with the project. Finally, the Contingency Management Project, which provides incentives for successive clean urine samples from MSM crystal users will be expanded.
- Barb requested that people interested in taking part in a meeting to determine the principles that HIV Epidemiology will be using to determine the top populations for the next round of prevention prioritization contact Jesse. Marcos, Brandie, Sarah, Bob, Bill, Erick Seelbach, Kris, and Ron expressed interest in being part of this meeting.
- Last week the Prevention Planners had a collaboration meeting with MSM, and exchanged ideas on how to strengthen collaboration in the system with MSM.
- Agencies will be submitting quarterly reports and evaluation plans soon.
- Sharon Bogan is the lead on the stimulant user needs assessment, and is in the middle of conducting key informant interviews.

☛ **ACTION ITEM:** Kris requested that Barb prepare a summary sheet of all funded interventions by population for the May meeting. The group agreed that it should be disseminated via email.

### CARE:

☑ The group agreed not to have the Care Grantee report emailed in advance (since it was provided in hard copy, was provided orally at the meeting, and was included as an attachment to the minutes).

Information given orally that was not in the hard copy report:

- The QM web link for anonymous QM-related comments to reach agencies can be found at [www.kingcounty.gov/apu/council](http://www.kingcounty.gov/apu/council).

☛ **ACTION ITEM:** Bill requested that a general summary of comments generated on this website be presented to the Council.

- HRSA released a new requirement last Friday, which goes into effect two months ago, mandating that in every funded service category, at least two clinical outcome measures and percentage performance benchmarks have to be reported. HRSA has not issued guidance about performance measures.

- Snohomish has chosen to put all of their Part A parity funds into medical case management (a core medical service category).
- John Snow Inc., a technical assistance contractor for HRSA, has chosen Seattle out of only 2 EMAs/TGAs to conduct a site visit this month. They will meet with Grantee staff, the Service Provider Workgroup, consumers, several Council members and a subgroup of service providers.

## **V. Comprehensive Needs Assessment Info: Work**

Lisa, Julie and Warren presented, "Employment: Consumer Employment data from the Needs Assessment and Focus Groups."

[Andrew arrived at 4:30 pm]

A discussion ensued, in which several consumers talked about their positive experiences with Positive Solutions, and it was made clear that Ryan White funds could not support back to work efforts.

## **VI. Cooperative Agreement with Public Health**

Tony briefly reviewed the top sheet (buff handout) of the Cooperative Agreement documents, noting that changes were made primarily to the staffing model.

***MOTION: Erick Seelbach moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement as written. Shireesha seconded. There was no discussion.***

***☑ The motion passed unanimously with 23 in favor.***

## **VII. SPG Update**

- SPG is getting ready for planning. The group heard reports from all of SPG's committees at the last meeting. Each of the six State regions has to submit a report to Justin Hahn, which get assembled into the comprehensive plan that goes to the CDC. Karen Hartfield will have to write a report for our region, which will be reviewed and graded by the other regions on how well our area adhered to things. Kris noted that one thing our region didn't do well (it was not discussed at the last prioritization), was to list the unmet statewide needs explicitly identified by the regional planning group. Barb noted that she interpreted this point differently. Justin stated that he would need to clarify the issue since he has only been involved in the process once before, but he didn't think that local areas would be responsible for identifying needs outside of their area. He added that this is for the 2009 update, and areas only need to submit any newly identified needs.
- SPG agreed with the process of estimating the at-risk populations for the State and individual regions. This is an important issue for prevention prioritization.

## **VIII. Comprehensive Needs Assessment New Info, Part 2: Prevention**

Julie and Lisa presented, "Providers and Prevention Messages." Julie gave the disclaimer that only a very small section on the provider survey asked about prevention topics, and prevention questions were not asked during the provider interviews.

## **IX. Membership Committee**

- Heath Bouldin has officially resigned from the Council. Kevin Patz has returned from emeritus. Jim Elliott's term ends in May and will not be serving a second term due to school. He will not be attending the May Council meeting since he will be out of town.
- Three candidates were presented to the Council for a vote at today's meeting. Accepting all three candidates will throw the Council demographics off a bit. The Council would have to recruit 2 more Caucasian male consumers and 1 Hispanic male consumer to regain demographic balance. One of the candidates, Ruth Njoroge, is a FBB service provider and one, Angela Williams, is an African American female unaligned consumer. It has been challenging to recruit and retain People of Color on the Council. The third consumer, Philip Doles, is a white MSM who would be filling Jim Elliott's position.

Philip Doles introduced himself. He has worked on boards and charity events in San Diego, and moved to Seattle from San Diego 6 years ago to go to school. He's been a first responder and case manager for the Red Cross, and wants to get involved with the Council to assist the community.

Angela Williams introduced herself. She moved from Jacksonville, Florida 6 years ago, and wants to become involved with the Council in order to learn more about it and to get involved in the community. She noted it is her first time doing anything like this.

Ruth Njoroge introduced herself as a case manager at POCAAN. She moved from Kenya 5 years ago.

*☑ Amy brought Philip Doles forward for a vote. There was no discussion. The Council voted unanimously to approve Philip Doles..*

*☑ Amy brought Angela Williams forward for a vote. There was no discussion. The Council voted unanimously to approve Angela Williams..*

*☑ Amy brought Ruth Njoroge forward for a vote. There was no discussion. The Council voted unanimously to approve Ruth Njoroge.*

Jesse noted that the applicants could join the group at the table, but could not vote until the County Executive officially appointed them. Amy added that all three applicants have been matched with mentors (Brandie, Sarah and Marcos).

- The Membership Committee will be taking a hiatus from interviewing new members until they reevaluate and revise the interview materials in order to make them more community-oriented. Brandie requested that consumers on the Council join in the effort, since all Membership Committee members were providers. The Committee meets at 1:30 pm the first Tuesday of the month at the 2100 Building. The Committee hopes to resume interviewing applicants in June.

## **X. Care Prioritization Update**

- The group has ranked priorities based on a 55/45% consumer/provider weight split, meaning that 55% of the weight in ranking priorities will be based on consumer data from the needs assessment.

- The Committee has started allocating dollars to the priority list. Categories in which dollars have been allocated and caveats/ sub-priorities have been designated are primary care, medical case management, ADAP, housing, health insurance and oral health.
- The group hopes to have a finalized care prioritization proposal to the Council at the June Council meeting.

#### **XI. Other Business/Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 12, 2008, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the **2100 Building, 2100 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Seattle 98144**